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- 1. AUGUST 21 EDITION OF JAPAN TIMES CARRIES ARTICLE ON THE VISIT BY THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE, JACK HORNER, ON A 5-DAY VISIT (AUGUST 19-23) TO JAPAN.
- 2. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CORRESPONDENTS HORNER MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) THE CANDU REACTOR IS STILL MORE EFFICIENT THAN THE LIGHT WATER REACTORS CURRENTLY BEING OPERATED BY JAPAN;

B) THE CANDU, USING NATURAL URANIUM, ALLOWS THE JAPANESE LUXURY OF CHOOSING FROM AMONG SEVERAL SOURCES OF URANIUM SUPPLY INSTEAD OF HAVING TO RELY ON SUPPLIES FROM THE US.

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3. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS HORNER SAID CANADA WOULD "DEEPLY RESENT" ANY ATTEMPT BY THE US TO USE ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY INFLUENCE IN JAPAN TO PREVENT THE SALE OF THE CANDU OR OF ANY OTHER CANADIAN MANUFACTURED GOODS. IN THIS REGARD, ARTICLE QUOTES HORNER AS STATING "IT WOULD BE WRONG OF ME TO ACCUSE THE US OF DOING SO, BUT WE MUST BE ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY".

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